

MEMORANDUM

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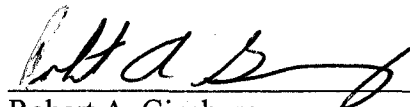
Agenda Item No. 2(D)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D. **DATE:** April 22, 2004
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging
Adoption by 2004 Florida
Legislature to Increase Ad
Valorem Homestead
Exemption to \$50,000

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Jimmy L. Morales.



Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. DATE: May 11, 2004
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION URGING ADOPTION BY THE 2004 FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE OF A JOINT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE AD
VALOREM HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO \$50,000 WITH
IMPLEMENTATION STAGGERED OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS**

WHEREAS, Florida's \$25,000 ad valorem homestead exemption has not been increased since the early 1980's; and

WHEREAS, many of Florida's homestead property owners do not have adequate resources to allow them to absorb increases in both property taxes and living expenses; and

WHEREAS, granting property tax relief to Florida's homestead property owners by increasing the homestead exemption in order to enhance their financial security provides needed assistance to a very deserving and contributing segment of our population without resulting in drastic service reductions by local governments; and

WHEREAS, staggering the effective date of the increase in the homestead exemption over a four year period will afford property tax relief to resident property owners and at the same time lessen the impact of providing for an increased homestead exemption on local government services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, hereby urges the members of the 2004 Florida Legislature to adopt a Joint Resolution or other legislation increasing Florida's ad valorem homestead exemption to \$35,000 in 2005, \$40,000 in 2006, \$45,000 in 2007 and \$50,000 in each year thereafter.

Section 2. The County Manager is directed to conduct a study to determine the fiscal impact in Miami-Dade County, which would result from increasing the Homestead exemption as outlined above.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be added to the Miami-Dade County legislative package. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to each member of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Jimmy L. Morales and offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 11th day of May, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

James K. Kracht

